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MEMORANDUM FOR: Henry S. Rowen
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SUBJECT: Suggestions for the Meeting with USIA on Project Democracy

My understanding was that Scott Thompson wanted the NIOs to provide specific substantive suggestions for projects that might be done by USIA. The following are a few themes:

- A. Opportunities for democratic institution building, eg:
 - Argentina, with an announced transition to elections in 1983;
 - Brazil, with free elections in 1982 and a final transition to occur in 1985.
- B. Urgent need or requirements for democratic institution building, eg:
 - Bolivia, with a new weak constitutional government and a potentially strong communist presence;
 - Suriname;
 - Chile, where the delay in the democratic transition threatens to radicalize well-established democratic groups.
- C. The potentially positive or negative role of international institutions, eg:
 - International Social Democrats and Christian Democrats;
 - International democratic trade union groups;
 - An important question here is how to get the Social Democrats back to making the distinction between the democratic left and Marxist-Leninist left in developing countries.

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D. Opportunities for bilateral action with institutions or governments, eg:

--National trade unions;

--The Christian Democratic government of Germany and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

E. U.S. citizens and institutions with special skills in this area.

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